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CIA Broke 2nd Law in Manual for Rebels, Congressman Says

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WASHINGTON—California Rep. Norman Y. Mineta (D-San Jose), a member of the House Intelligence Committee, accused the CIA on Thursday of violating U.S. law because its controversial manual for Nicaraguan rebels called for overthrowing that country's Sandinista regime.

"It clearly is against the law for any U.S. agency to participate in attempts to overthrow the Nicaraguan government," Mineta said, basing his statement on an amendment to a 1982 congressional appropriations measure that forbids the use of funds to overthrow the Sandinistas.

Previously, the CIA was accused of violating the laws by its endorsement in the manual of the use of violence to "neutralize"—an apparent euphemism for assassinate—Nicaraguan government officials. Such political killings are prohibited by a U.S. presidential order.

The White House, meanwhile, indicated that the results of the Administration's two investigations of the manual probably will not be presented to Congress' intel-

ligence committees before Tuesday's presidential election.

President Reagan had said that CIA Director William J. Casey will brief the congressional panels as soon as the agency's inspector general completes his inquiry. However, Reagan first plans to review the inspector general's report and a second investigation being conducted by the President's Intelligence Oversight Board, White House spokesman Robert Sims said Thursday.

The CIA study was presented to the three-member oversight board Tuesday, Sims said. He refused to predict when the board will complete its own inquiry or when Reagan will complete his review, but neither is expected to be finished before election day.

In his complaint, Mineta asserted that the CIA "has refused to allow" the House Intelligence Committee to question the individual, identified as John Kirkpatrick, who wrote much of the manual.

"We know who he is and the CIA knows where he is, and they just refuse to let us talk with him," he charged.